

REMARKS

The Office Action of December 19, 2003 presents the examination of claims 34-37. Claims 34-36 are canceled. New claims 38-44 are added for examination. Claims 37-44 are pending.

In the Office Action of December 19, 2003, claims 34 and 36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Manis et al. in view of Szoka et al. Claims 34-36 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Manis in view of Szoka and further in view of Fujioka '704 and Bonadio '416. Claim 37 is indicated as allowable.

Claims 34-36 are canceled herein, rendering the standing rejections moot. Claims 38-40 depend from allowed claim 37 and so should be found allowable.

New claims 41 and claims dependent thereon should also be found allowable as the ordering of the steps of making the composition is simply reversed.

The present application well-describes and claims patentable subject matter. The favorable action of allowance of the pending claims and passage of the application to issue is respectfully requested.

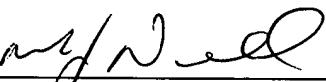
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is

respectfully requested to contact Mark J. Nuell (Reg. No. 36,623) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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